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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
11)
Plaintiff,)
12)
v.)
13 VICTOR VILLALOBOS-CASTRO (3),)
14)
Defendant.)

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ1335

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

16 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
17 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and
18 Caleb E. Mason, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant VICTOR VILLALOBOS-
19 CASTRO, by and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Brian J. White, that:

20 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
21 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
22 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
23 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
24 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.
25 § 1324(a)(1)(A)(i) and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before June 2, 2008.

6 4. The material witnesses, Jorge Zepeda-Arias, Jorge Martinez-Pahua, Araceli Baron-
7 Cisneros, in this case:

8 a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
10 April 28, 2008;

11 c. Were found off the coast of California, near Point Loma, in San Diego and
12 were being driven in a vessel by codefendant, and defendant knew of the fact that they were aliens
13 with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

14 d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$4,000 - \$4,500 to others
15 to be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein;
16 and,

17 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any
22 proceeding, including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral
23 attack, that:

24 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
25 substantive evidence;

26 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
27 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such

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1 testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements
2 against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

3 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
4 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
5 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
6 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

7 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
8 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
9 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
10 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

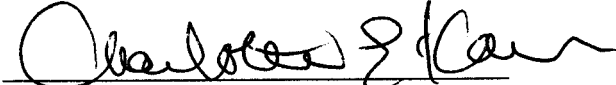
11 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
12 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
13 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

14 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.


15 Respectfully submitted,

16 KAREN P. HEWITT
17 United States Attorney

18 Dated: 5/15/08

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20 CALEB E. MASON
21 Assistant United States Attorney

22 Dated: 5/14/08

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24 BRIAN J. WHITE
25 Defense Counsel for Villalobos-Castro

26 Dated: 5/14/08

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28 VICTOR VILLALOBOS-CASTRO
Defendant

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 5-15-08.


United States Magistrate Judge